

MORE SENSATIONS TO FOLLOW BATCH OF GRAFT ARRESTS

Pittsburg's Public Office Scandal Promises to Eclipse 'Frisco Corruption.

NINE ARRESTS MADE.

Detectives After Other City Officials Accused of Conspiracy and Bribery.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—Following the sensational arrests here last night of seven Councilmen and two bankers on charges of alleged corruption in conducting the public affairs of this city, it is declared to-day that even more startling developments will transpire either to-day or by early to-morrow. In the mean time the people of Pittsburg are surprised almost beyond description at the suddenness of the arrest of the nine men, who are well known.

Detective Captain Deposed.

One of the sensations developed this forenoon when Director of Public Safety Lang demanded the resignation of Captain of Detectives Edwin T. McGough. This action followed a conference between Mayor Guthrie and Director Lang while they were in attendance last night at the meeting of the Voters' League, who caused the prosecution against the Councilmen and bankers. Director Lang said to-day: "My reason for asking Capt. McGough for his resignation has nothing to do with the arrest of the Councilmen. There was another reason and a more serious one, but what it is I will not discuss."

It is said, however, that the matter will be eventually linked with the graft cases.

Capt. McGough is well known throughout the country as a clever detective. During the night and early to-day there was apparently no sleep for those interested in the alleged scandal. The nine defendants and their attorneys and friends held as many conferences for the purpose of discussing the matter, while the officials of the Voters' League, who backed up the charges against the defendants, together with prominent attorneys and high municipal officials of the city, also held a meeting at which, it is said, plans were perfected for the arrest of other men alleged to be implicated in the bribery scandal.

Will Eclipse 'Frisco Scandal. According to the best information obtainable to-day, it is possible the municipal scandal of San Francisco will be insignificant when compared to the alleged grafting here.

Attorney A. Leo Weil, president of the Voters' League, stated to-day: "This is only the beginning."

Following are the men accused: Councilmen William Brand, John P. Klein, J. C. Wasson, T. O. Atkinson, Jacob Soffel, W. H. McInerney and Hugh Ferguson. Former President W. W. Ramsey and former Cashier A. A. Vassack, of the German National Bank, are also accused.

Information against all the seven members of Council charges them with bribery and corrupt solicitation. From Brand, Wasson and Klein bail in the sum of \$50,000 each was demanded. The bail of the other four members of Council was fixed at \$10,000 each.

The information against Ramsey and Vassack charges them with giving Klein \$15,000 as a bribe. Bail demanded from each is \$10,000.

Investigation Was Secret. While all the defendants were taken by surprise when arrested last evening, each secured the necessary bail.

All information was sworn to by Tensard de Wolf, secretary of the Voters' League, and formerly a political writer on a local paper.

Robert Wilson, Superintendent of the Municipal League of Scranton, Pa., is described as "the man behind the gun." Mr. Wilson, assisted by a corps of private detectives, whom he brought to the city from Scranton, gathered the evidence against the defendants. It is explained that for this reason the entire matter was investigated without the least publicity.

The Pittsburg police were not consulted until yesterday, when it was desired to make the arrests. Then Mayor Guthrie, Director of Public Safety Lang, Superintendent of Police McQuade and other city officials met in the Public Safety Building, where Mr. Wilson, his detectives and members of the Voters' League laid the evidence before them.

The Charges Made. Concerning the case against Ramsey and Vassack, of the German National Bank, Attorney Charles A. Fagan, vice-president of the bank, issued the following statement:

"On last Saturday after banking hours the attention of a number of citizens was directed by the National Bank Examiner to the fact that a charge had been made of the bank's giving money to secure the selection of the German National Bank as one of the city's depositories. The information came as a great surprise to the members of the board. It was deemed advisable, however, pending a proper investigation, to secure the resignation of Mr. Ramsey, the president of the bank, and Mr. Vassack, the cashier, the officials charged by the charge. The resignation was given."

The seven Councilmen are accused of grafting. All will be given a hearing before Magistrate Brady to-morrow morning. Five of the accused councilmen, Messrs. Wasson, Ferguson, Brand, Klein and McInerney, have issued statements to-day which are to the effect that they are greatly surprised and all at sea regarding their arrest.

J. D. Packer, one of Andrew Carnegie's young partners, furnished the required bail for Banker Ramsey.

NO DRUNKS ON THESE CARS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway will hereafter refuse to carry intoxicated persons on its cars. As the walking between towns is not particularly good, a decided disinclination to the number of that class of patrons is expected.

ESCAPING PRISONER FOUGHT HIS CAPTOR WITH AN AXE

Blow of Detective's Billy Laid Alleged Abductor of Girl Out After Desperate Struggle in Cellar.

Mrs. Anna Bub, of No. 152 Perry street, went to the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station last night and asked for the arrest of Andrew Dougherty, a father, of No. 286 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, whom she charged with abducting her sixteen-year-old daughter, Madeline, and living with her in a furnished room at the above address.

Detective William McManus went with her and arrested the daughter, whom he found at the house. Later he came across Dougherty at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and arrested him.

Dougherty went with the detective until within a few yards of the station-house. Then he broke away and ran

down Amsterdam avenue to One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, turning east on that street and taking refuge in a coffin in the basement of No. 419 McManus went after him. There was a small axe which the tenants used for splitting wood in the bin, and Dougherty seized this and struck at the detective. McManus managed to dodge his blows, and a lick with his billy laid Dougherty out. When he recovered he said: "I was not going to hurt you, but I was forced to." Mrs. Bub said Dougherty lured her daughter away more than a month ago, since which time they had lived together at the furnished room where she was found. She only learned where her daughter was yesterday, she said. The police say the girl admitted she had been living with Dougherty since leaving home.

STOCKS HIGHER ON A BRISK DEMAND

Tractions, Wabash and the Harriman Shares Most in Favor With Traders.

Stocks made a higher start to-day, the local traction, Wabash and the Harriman, being the most prominent in the trading, which was active. Realizing sales set in later and brought the prices down from fractions from the highest, but all were well above yesterday's close.

Before noon Brooklyn Rapid Transit had moved up to 6 1/2, a gain of 1/2 point, while New York Central, selling ex-dividend, showed a gain of 3/4. The Pacific, Reading, Consolidated Gas and Missouri, Kansas and Texas were also strong.

The market closed strong, with gains of from 1 to 4 points. Brooklyn Transit leading. Stocks of various issues were bought in big blocks and the trading was exceptionally active.

The total sales of stocks were 1,249,000 shares, and of bonds \$10,257,000.

Closing Prices. Today's highest, lowest and last prices of stocks and bonds are as follows: (The figures are in cents.)

Gen. Elec.	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	+ 1/2
Inter. Met.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
Inter. Met.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
Inter. Pump	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
Leola & Co.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
Maintain.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
M. S. & P. & S. M.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
K. K. & K.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
Missouri & S. M.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	+ 1/2
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